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Application No.

10/561,060

Applicant(s)

CHENG ET AL.

Examiner

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Zachary C. Tucker

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 16 April 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17, 19 and 20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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***Response to Amendment***

As requested in the correspondence from applicants, filed 16 April 2008 (hereinafter "present amendment"), which is in reply to the Office action mailed 7 January 2008 (hereinafter "previous Office action"), claims 1, 9, 13-15, 19 and 20 have been amended, and the abstract has been amended.

***Status of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting***

In the previous Office action, claims 1, 3, 17, 19 and 20 were provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting (ODP), as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12 and 19 of copending Application No. 10/499,054, which has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,342,019.

In view of the terminal disclaimer filed on 16 April 2008, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 7,342,019, the ODP rejection based on the claims of the patent has been overcome, and is accordingly withdrawn. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

In the previous Office action, claims 1, 3 and 17 were provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting (ODP), as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 and 18 of copending Application No. 10/543,264.

In view of the terminal disclaimer filed on 16 April 2008, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on 10/543,264, the rejection based on the claims of the copending application has been overcome, and is accordingly withdrawn. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

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***Status of Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

In the previous Office action, claim 19 was rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, because the specification was found not to be enabling for the treatment of all of the diseases specified in the claim.

In view of the present amendment to claim 19, which limits the method specified therein to the treatment of only obesity and extended abuse, or an addiction and/or relapse disorder, the rejection is hereby withdrawn.

In the previous Office action, claim 19 was further rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, for indefiniteness, due to the recitation of the term "epilepsy, and related conditions."

In view of the present amendment, which strikes this language from the claim, the rejection is hereby withdrawn.

***Specification***

In the previous Office action, the abstract of the disclosure was objected to because it did not include a generic structure diagram for the compounds of the present invention.

In view of the present amendment to the abstract, the objection is hereby withdrawn.

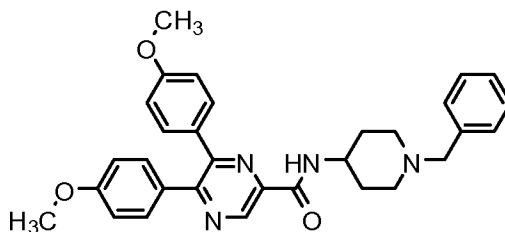
***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-15, 17, 19 and 20 are allowed.

The closest prior art with respect to compounds according to instant claims 1-15 is WO 89/04308 (Suwabe et al), which discloses several 5-benzyl-2,3-diphenyl pyrazine derivatives (see pages 16-20), none of which fall within the scope of the allowed claims, because when R<sup>3</sup> represents a group of formula  $-(CH_2)_q$ , q must be at least 2, not 1 as is the case with the Suwabe et al compounds on pages 16-20.

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Also pertinent prior art is WO 92/02513 (Takasugi et al), which discloses (on page 84), a compound named 2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-[(1-benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-carbamoyl]pyrazine, whose structure is represented by the diagram below:



and is not within the scope of the allowed claims, because when  $R^3$  is  $-\text{CONHR}^z$ ,  $R^z$  must be a piperidinyl ring substituted by an *alkanoyl* group, as opposed to the arylalkyl (benzyl) group on the piperidinyl ring in the above-diagrammed compound.

Thus, the compounds according to instant claims 1-15, the composition according to claim 17, and the methods according to instant claims 19 and 20 are novel and unobvious over the prior art.

### Conclusion

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